Grant of import licences for import of raw silk yarn

1547. SHRI GULAM MOHI-UD-DIN SHAWL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the emplementation statement dated 8th June, 1984 n fulfilment of assurances on Unstarred Question 830 of 6th March, 1984 regarding endorsements on acquired or purchased import licences for miport of raw silk yarn under terms of para 148 of the Import Policy 1983-84 Vol. I and state:

(a) whether the quarterly returns of the imports raw silk and exports of silk product have been regularly received from the four firms mentioned therein;

(b) if so, whether these returns have been examined and found in order in terms of the relevant Import Policy and no advances or REP licences have been granted on such exports so as to allow double benefits of import of raw silk against the same quantity of the export of silk products; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) to (c) Information in this regard is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Marketing Development assistance to export promotion councils

1548. SHRI GULAM MOHI-UD-DIN SHAWL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the Export Promotion Councils receiving Marketing Development Assistance for overseas export promotions, foreign exhibitions and sales team etc.;

(b) whether Government's approval is taken for creation of any post or fixation of scales by such Councils; and

(c) if so, whether it also applies to the Federation of Indian Export organisations and to the Apparel Export Promotion Council?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) to (c) A list Export Promotion Councils receiving Marketing Development Assistance is attached vide statement below.

The Export Promotion Councils and FIEO receiving Marketing development assistance are required to follow Government Rules for creation of posts or fixation of pay scales. Apparel Export Promotion Council does not receive now any such assistance.

Statement

List of Export Promotion councils receiving Marketing Development Assistance

1. Engineering Export Promotion Council, Calcutta.

2. Overseas Construction Council of India, Bombay.

3. Basic Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals and Cosmetics Export promotion Council, Bombay.

4. Chemicals & Allied products Export promotion Council, Calcutta.

5 Plastics & Linoleums Export Promotion Council, Bombay.

6. Council for Leather Exports, Madras.

7. Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council, Bombay.

8. Sports Goods Export Promotion Council, New Delhi.

9. Cashew Export Promotion Council, Cochin.

10. Shellac Export Promotion Council. Calcutta.

11. Spices Export Promotion Council, Cochin.

12. Silk & Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Council, Bombay.

13. Indian Silk Export Promotion Coun cil, Bombay.

14. Handloom Export Promotion Council, Madras.

15. Wool & Woollens Export Promotion Council. New Delhi.

16. Carpet Export Promotion Council, New Delhi.

M|s. Paramount engineering works Lucknow

1549. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have inquired into the working of M|s. Paramount Engineering Works, Lucknow during the last five Years;

(b) whether it is a fact that this company cornered crores of rupees by selling the costly imported material in the black market and then evaded the actual verification with the connivance of Estate Industries Department and the Chief Controller Imports & Exports on the plea that the records have been destroyed or lost;

(c) what is the value of licences that were issued to this firm during the last five years, year-wise;

(d) on what basis these licences were issued; and

(e) whether the above firm also evaded Sales tax and Income tax amounting to crores of rupees and if so, what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) to (d) The unit had obtained import licences and release orders during the period AM-65-66 to AM-71-72 amounting to Rs. 83.28, 040|-.

On the allegation that they were non-existent and bogus unit and had obtained the licences and release orders of values Higher their entitlements and had misutilised the imported materials, investigations were carried out and action was taken under Clause 8 of the Imports (Control) Order, 1955. The firm were debarred from receiving import licences and allotment of goods through canalising agencies for 10 licensing periods from AM 74 to AM-83.

The case was also handed over to CBI for investigations. On the basis of CBI's findings that the firm and their partners had entered into criminal conspiracy in obtaining the licences and delivery of materials from MMTC. A criminal complaint was filed in the Court of Additional Chief Judicial Megistrate| Special Magistrate (SPE cases) Lucknow. The final outcome of the case is not known.

(e) Information about the evasion of sales tax and income tax is not available with this ministry.

Benami Accounts in Banks

1550. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of persons opened their accounts in banks ni Benami and wrong addresses in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) wheher it is also a fact that most of the accounts were opened with black money;

(c) whether any letter has been received by the Finance Minister in this regard in August, 1985;

(d) whether Government propse to take any steps to ensure that as soon as the account with more than Rs. 50,000 is opened. Income Tax authorities are informed by the concerned banks which will help the authorities to curb black money; and

(e) if not, what alternative action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) As per information readily available, 20 bank accounts opened in Hyderabad in the names of the persons who appear to be fictitious have come to the notice of the Income Tax Department. Appropriate action under Direct Taxes Acts is underway. It would not be feasible at this stage to say whether the source of these deposits was legal or not.

(c) Yes, Sir.